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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of)

Mark CARTIER et al.)

Serial No. 10/053,495)

Filed: November 2, 2001)

For: FOOTWEAR MIDSOLE WITH)
COMPRESSIBLE ELEMENT IN)
LATERAL HEEL AREA)

Group Art Unit: 3728

Examiner: TBD

Attorney Reference: 005127.00090

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TC 3700 MAIL ROOMPETITION TO RETAIN ORIGINAL FILING DATEAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to a Decision On Petition, mailed from the Office of Petitions on August 6, 2002, Applicants respectfully petition to retain the original filing date of the above-captioned application, which is November 2, 2001.

According to the Decision On Petition, the original filing date of November 2, 2001 may be retained by filing a petition to that effect and also filing an amendment that cancels references to the omitted drawing figures. Filed concurrent with this Petition is a Preliminary Amendment that modifies the specification and figures accordingly.

Applicants respectfully request that this Petition be granted, thereby retaining the original filing date of November 2, 2001. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account number 19-0733 a sum of \$130.00 for the payment of the requisite petition fee.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 31, 2003

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